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Tuesday

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At Miller & Rhoads' Jewelry Counters are the most novel and artistic French and other imported creations, and yet prices are so moderate that you'll be surprised. Suggestions:

The New Jade and Coral Set La Vallieres and others with the new "Labordorite" settings, \$2.98 each and upwards.

Also, Imported French Enamel Watches, a guaranteed timepiece, with chain to match, for \$13.50.

Beautiful Gold Filled and Gold Plated Vanity Cases—Some hand-chased, very odd shapes, including some that are perfectly round, \$5.00 each and upwards.

Imported Enamel Vanity Cases—Gold plated inside with watch on the outside, \$7.50 each. Imported Gold Plated Bags at \$8.50 and \$10.00, and Gold Filled Mesh Bags, of fine baby mesh, guaranteed for 5 years, at \$15.00.

Gold Plated Cigarette Cases—In shapes and patterns that are beautiful and very exclusive, \$5.00 and upwards.

Imported Beads—Such as amber and coral and amber and jet; the two-toned effects being the newest and very popular, \$5.00 and upwards.

See the New Persian Set Bracelets, very French, \$2.98 each and upwards.

Gold Filled Bracelet Watches—With guaranteed movements, many of the newest fads in these, \$15.00 and upwards.

Solid Gold La Vallieres, set with diamond chips and baroque pearls; this is only one of our many excellent values in solid gold jewelry, \$6.00 each.

Necklaces and Chains—We have a very attractive line of dull and bright jet Necklaces and Long Chains. These are greatly in demand, and we feel confident that we have a line that's well worth your inspection, at from 50c to \$7.50.

One of the Nicest Things to Give a Woman is

"M. & R." Silk Hosiery!

Only the best makes of Silk Hosiery are sold here. Thousands of pairs in pretty Xmas boxes ready for giving.

Excellent Values in Silk Hose

Beautiful, shapely Silk Hose of quality, the products of such famous makers as "WAYNE-KNIT," "MCALLUM" and "KAYSER" Ideal Silk Hose for Xmas Giving. Shown in black, tan and popular colorings for street or evening; all sizes.

"NIAGARA MAID" ITALIAN SILK HOSE, in black, white, gray and navy; per pair..... \$1.50

KAYSER'S FAMOUS SILK HOSE, in black and white, \$1.50 and..... 50c
WOMEN'S ALL-FIBRE SILK HOSE, black, white and tan; per pair..... 50c
WOMEN'S BOOT SILK HOSE, in all shades and black, white and tan..... 50c

MISSIE'S FIBRE, SILK AND WOMEN'S BOOT SILK HOSE, black, white and tan; per pair..... 39c
We Xmas-box your Hosiery purchases without extra cost.

First Floor.

For "Him" or for "Her"— Books!

Could anything be more acceptable in a home at Christmas time than a nice set of Books? We list only a few of the good values.

Library Classics—20 volumes, three-quarter leather; each volume by a different author; a set of books every library should own..... \$16.25

The Art Galleries of Europe—12 volumes, red buckram; over 500 full page plates, in photogravure; set..... \$18.50

In addition to the above new sets we offer the following sets in de luxe edition at special prices.

Hawthorne, 8 volumes, cloth..... \$10.00
Roosevelt's Works, 14 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$13.50
Shakespeare, 10 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$11.75
Shakespeare, 10 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$12.00
Shakespeare, 10 vols., cloth..... \$8.75
Shakespeare, 10 vols., half leather..... \$10.50
Charles Lamb, 8 vols., cloth..... \$8.75
Irving, 9 vols., cloth..... \$9.00

Dickens, 15 vols., cloth..... \$14.75
Dickens, 15 vols., cloth..... \$10.50
Dickens, 22 vols., cloth..... \$9.00
Dickens, 15 vols., cloth..... \$7.50
Shakespeare, 20 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$17.50
World's Greatest Literature, 10 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$11.25
James Russell Lowell, 12 vols., cloth..... \$10.50
Jane Austen, 6 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$7.75
Jane Austen, 6 vols., cloth..... \$6.00
Don Quixote, 4 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$8.50
Don Quixote, 4 vols., cloth..... \$3.75
Daniel Defoe, 8 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$9.75
The Pilgrim's Progress, 5 vols., cloth..... \$6.00
Green's English History, 5 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$6.50
Child's Own Library, 10 vols., three-quarter leather..... \$9.50
Child's Own Library, 10 vols., cloth..... \$6.75

Basement.

HOLIDAY TRADE BEATS LAST YEAR

Volume of Buying Indicates That Richmond People Are Prosperous.

TWO MORE DAYS TO SHOP

Public Urged to Visit Stores To-Day to Avoid Street Crowds on Christmas Eve.

With two more shopping days to swell the total, merchants said last night that the holiday trade in many lines was far ahead of the record last year, and the volume of buying gives strong evidence of the general prosperity hereabout. The rush to-day will be followed by a greater rush to-morrow, and when the doors close on Christmas Eve the army of clerks will find the first relief they have experienced in weeks. Shoppers were urged yesterday not to put off their visits to the stores until to-morrow night, for with the thousands of people in the street, will be well nigh impossible to get within striking distance of the shops with which they want to deal. They are reminded that a trip to-day will save an extra amount of trouble in the closing hours.

Thousands Shopped Early. W. A. Clarke, Jr., secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, whose office puts him in close touch with the heart of the holiday business, said last night that the buying had reached enormous proportions, except in clothing lines, where it had been retarded to a large extent by warm weather. This is true the world over, and the Christmas, but a cold wave, on Thursday, for instance, would instantly send thousands of buyers to the market.

The merchants are impressed with the fact that the shop-early doctrine, so long preached in this town, is being preached, bearing fruit, abundantly this year, said Mr. Clarke. "It would surprise you to know how many people did their Christmas shopping early. They saw the wisdom of that policy, and they profited by it; it helped the merchants and the clerks, but it was of more especial advantage to the buyers. I should say that the volume of trade gives every indication that our people are prosperous, and if you would stand around and look you would find that in this day and time there is less of that useless giving which has made Christmas a burden heretofore. Broad Street and Main Street and all the cross-town streets have had their share, and there is no complaint, although if the weather had been colder the grand total would have been much larger. It is often difficult to sell a man a winter outfit when he is inclined to have any winter at all. But he will be there when the frost begins to bite him.

Parcel Post Helps. "The parcel post has also added its part, as the thousands of packages being shipped out of Richmond every day will prove. If you watch the crowds standing in line at the post-office, waiting to have a little gift weighed and stamped, you get a good idea of the business, but you must not think that is all. Other thousands of packages are going out direct from the stores, wagon-loads of them, and the merchants are confident that the parcel service doubtless results in more remembrances being sent to friends elsewhere, for most people want to have the impression that it required a great deal of postage to carry an ordinary package.

"You might remind the shoppers that it is to their advantage to shop on Saturday and Sunday. The stores are open, and they have done mighty well, but they can do better by visiting the stores on Tuesday."

Mr. Clarke was constantly on the jump yesterday. He is in a position to estimate the holiday trade more accurately than any other person in Richmond, and the general appearance of prosperity convinces him that this is a mighty good town.

CAR HITS COAL CART

Mule Has Leg Broken and Has to Be Killed, Driver Arrested.

A car of the city yesterday morning at 11 o'clock hit a wagon of E. P. Murphy & Son (Inc.), coal dealers, at Eighth and Marsh streets, killing a mule and drawing it to break its leg. It was necessary to shoot the animal.

James Russell, a negro driver, was sent to get another mule to hitch to the cart, and the mule was killed. Russell, according to Patrolman Hoaggett, was beating the animal at a furious rate. He nearly missed colliding with an automobile, and finally ran into a buggy owned by H. C. Russell, Jr., who was driving on the charge of recklessly riding the mule.

SCOUTS WILL WORK

Ordered to Assemble To-Morrow Morning to Assist in Distribution of Baskets.

Scout Commissioner D. W. Durrett yesterday issued orders to the scouts who are to assist in the distribution of Christmas baskets to assemble at the headquarters of the scouts, at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, with or without uniforms. The boys will work under the supervision of the district committee, and will be of great aid in distributing the baskets to their destination. Another detail will assist in handling the crowds at the Community Christmas Tree.

Temperance Service This Afternoon

Owing to Christmas Eve falling on the date of its weekly prayer meeting, the Women's Temperance Union will hold its service this afternoon instead of to-morrow. All persons interested in the cause are invited to attend. The service will be held at the League headquarters, 15 South Third Street, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Our \$16.50 Suits and Overcoats Worth up to \$35.00

Make sensible Christmas presents. A full assortment of patterns and sizes are still available.

For less expensive presents, that are always appreciated, we offer

HOLEPROOF HOSIERY

for Men, Women and Children.

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POST-OFFICE IS NOT YET SWAMPED

Richmond Handling Heaviest Mails in Its History Without Delays.

TRAIN SERVICE IMPAIRED

Quantity of Mail and Express to Be Loaded at Every Station Upsets Schedules.

Although post-offices in many large cities are reporting a serious congestion of Christmas mail, the Richmond office is handling the heaviest traffic in its history without noticeable delay. To do this, the day shifts are working into the night and the night shifts are working well into the day. Between forty and fifty additional men, one-half clerk and one-half carrier, have been added to Postmaster Allan's staff, bringing his force up to about 300 employees.

By the liberal use of extra men and wagons the floor of the post-office has been kept fairly clear, and the collection and delivery schedules preserved almost intact. The same cannot be said for the railroads, however. Almost without exception trains into Richmond yesterday arrived behind schedule, some only a few minutes, but the majority at least thirty minutes late. This condition is caused by the long waits necessary at all stations while express and mail matter is loaded and unloaded.

Handle 1,000 Sacks a Day.

It speaks well for the forethought of the local post-office officials to be able to say that they are handling a record-making Christmas mail without delay and confusion than ever before. The unusual liberality of the Post-Office Department may account for this preparedness, the nightmare of the parcel post having made the department more generous this year than heretofore in the matter of appropriations for extra help to handle Christmas mail.

Thirteen extra wagons have been placed in service to deliver Christmas parcels. At a minimum each wagon will deliver thirty sacks of mail daily, so that the post-office has increased its daily delivery capacity by 390 sacks. Two carriers accompany each wagon, one delivering parcels on one side of the street, and the other handling the opposite side. Sacks at the rate of about 1,000 a day are passing through the parcel post terminal in the basement of the post-office.

Parcel Division Open Late.

In the midst of the season's rush the parcel post division will remain open every night until 10:30 o'clock. The stamp window will also be kept open until that hour. Stamp sales are reaching figures never before equaled in the local post-office. Yesterday saw more than \$5,000 worth of stamps sold, while the sales on the corresponding day last year amounted to \$2,250. On Saturday the stamp sales reached \$3,050.12, as against \$2,157.64 on the corresponding day in 1912.

The public will facilitate the quick handling of mail by making as few unnecessary requests upon us as possible during this week," said Assistant Postmaster W. Ross Southward yesterday. "If some one is expecting a parcel and it is slow in arriving, the general speed and efficiency of the post-office will be hurt if that person comes here and asks for the parcel. The general delivery window is open for waiting for it to be delivered. If the public will exercise patience with the office, we feel sure that the Christmas rush will be handled easily."

PATHETIC APPEALS MADE FOR PARDONS

Friends of Prisoners Besiege Offices of Governor Mann.

The office of Governor Mann was besieged yesterday by friends of prisoners seeking Christmas pardons. Few of the applicants saw the Governor, as his time was taken up with a series of engagements. Private Secretary Owen assured the petitioners that the papers in a number of cases would be laid before the Governor as soon as possible.

Some of the applications were pathetic in the extreme. A respectable old colored woman, gray-haired and quite feeble, came up from one of the Southside counties to tell the Governor that she was living alone, and wanted her only son, now somewhere on the roads, to come home for Christmas. He was a good boy, she told Mr. Owen, and she had tried to raise him right, but he got in bad company. The boy has only a short time yet to serve, and Mr. Owen promised to call the Governor's attention to the case. Nearly all the applicants were colored, and nearly all the petitions on the ground that they wanted their boys home for Christmas. They did not question the justice of the conviction or sentence; they merely wanted the prodigal back, that they might have an old-time celebration and give him a new start. Several minor pardons were granted yesterday, but the names were not made public. It was stated that all were short-term men, having very little more time to serve.

STAR TWINKLES ON TOP OF BIG TREE

Great Community Christmas Celebration Takes Place To-Morrow Night.

READY TO HANDLE CROWD

Public Reminded That Stockings Will Be Distributed in the Afternoon.

Strung with electric lights from the topmost bough to the mound of earth in which it stands, the Community Christmas Tree is ready for the great celebration to be held around its base to-morrow evening. Captain W. H. Thompson, city electrician, who has had the work of lighting the tree, turned on the current yesterday afternoon, and every bulb responded to the electric touch. It made a beautiful sight, and a crowd of people stopped to watch the glow.

Standing in the center of the vacant lot once occupied by Ford's Hotel, the tree will be in full view of thousands who may gather on the east side of the City Hall on Broad Street, and in the Capitol Square. Ample arrangements have been made by Major Werner and Fire Chief Jones to handle the vast crowd which is expected, and to prevent injury and accident. The lot will be roped off on the three open sides with stout hemp strung to heavy posts, and a cordon of police will be placed inside the inclosure to prevent any jam or stampede. Sacks of mail have been arranged to have eighty policemen detailed on the scene, and Fire Chief Jones will detail thirty-eight men to assist the police. In addition there will be fifty boy scouts in attendance. One of the city ambulances will be kept within reach in case of emergency.

No Block on Traffic.

No vehicle traffic will be permitted within prescribed distances of the tree. Broad Street will be barricaded on the east side of Eighth Street and on the west side of Twelfth Street. Ninth and Tenth Streets will be roped off at Grace Street, and at the alley between Broad and Marshall. Perambulators or baby carriages will not be allowed within this area, and Major Werner has advised that mothers leave their babies in arms at home.

In the event of a stampede or crush it would be difficult enough for the police and firemen to add grown-up people, and small children and babies would fare badly in the press.

Boy Scouts will be stationed at intervals along the line of barricades to warn approaching vehicles, and others will be stationed at different points within the area to render immediate assistance in case of a crowd.

The tree will be lighted at dusk on Christmas Eve. Above it will hang a Star of the East fashioned by Captain Thompson, in memory of that star which guided the three wise men of the East to the cradle of the Christ. It will be hung at first some distance from the tree, and will be gradually moved until it is just above its top, where it will remain as long as the tree stands. Songs and Christmas carols will be sung by 3,000 school children gathered at the foot of the tree, and the chorus will be sung by the thousands who come to look at the spectacle. It is planned to have every body join in the choruses, so that all will be singing in truth a Community Christmas Tree.

No Gifts from Tree.

There will be no gifts from the tree. The stockings and baskets will be distributed in the afternoon, and it is probable that 5,000 children will be reached and have stockings. By the addition of \$50.75 donated by Captain D. H. Smith, owner of the old market ship Success, the co-ordinating committee hopes to have enough to fill all the stockings and baskets for which requests have been made. The names of all the applicants have been indexed in a card system, so that there will be no duplication, and so that the committee will feel sure that none has been neglected.

Too Late for Colored People.

At a meeting of the Colored Baptist Ministers' Association yesterday afternoon it was decided that the Community Christmas Tree would be the last day on which the invitation to cooperate in the movement was received. The invitation sent out by the Rev. James Buchanan, chairman of the co-ordinating committee, was received on December 23, late a day. It was said that the volunteer ministers would not be able to do justice to the cause nor to themselves. The conference pledged itself, however, to cooperate at any and all times with charity work provided that it was not in proper time.

"OLD FIRST" MEETS

Veterans Will Have Campaign for More Members to Their Association.

At the enthusiastic meeting of the First Veterans Regiment Association last night at the temporary armory of the Richmond Grays, Battalion, it was decided to make a campaign for new members with the idea of making the organization the "Old First" in the association. The plans for the formal opening of the new armory at Seventh and Marshall streets were discussed, and a nominating committee appointed to select officers. Among those upon whom the committee had placed its choice were Captain C. A. Crawford, president; Sergeant G. W. Kraker, John C. Wecker, James C. Boyd, R. J. Wren, L. W. Miller, Joseph Venable, H. M. Walthall and E. C. Garrison.

McConnell Appointed.

Governor Mann yesterday appointed J. P. McConnell, superintendent of the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford, a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Staunton, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. G. W. Butts.

Two Suits for Damages.

Separate suits were entered in the City Circuit Court yesterday by M. J. Kouri and C. S. Kouri against the Virginia Railway and Power Company. The former seeks \$50 damages and the latter for \$200 damages.

J. W. RAINEY DIES FROM HIS INJURIES

A. W. Thompson Now Faces Charge of Murdering Coal Dealer He Assaulted.

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

Alleged Assailant Caught by Policemen After He Had Driven Away in Wagon.

J. W. Rainey, forty-six years old, a coal dealer, who was assaulted, it was alleged, by A. W. Thompson, who lives on the Meadowbridge Road, Henrico County, on Saturday morning at Brook Avenue and Leigh Street, died from his injuries last night at 10:30 o'clock at Stuart Circle Hospital. As soon as the police were notified of his death, Detective Sergeant Wiltshire was detailed to re-arrest Thompson on the charge of murder. Thompson was arraigned in Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of felonious assault, but his hearing went over, and he was released under \$1,000 bond.

Friends of Rainey say that the attack upon him was unprovoked. It was learned that the two men quarreled over a business transaction, and Thompson is accused of having struck Rainey over the head with some sharp instrument. At first it was thought that Rainey was not seriously injured, but on Sunday his condition became worse, and he was removed to the hospital. That night he rallied somewhat, but yesterday his condition again became worse, and he died from a fractured skull, despite efforts of surgeons to save his life.

Thompson Drove Away.

Thompson met Rainey while he was driving a wagon. He stopped, and the argument began which ended in the attack. Rainey fell to the street, and Thompson jumped into his wagon and drove rapidly away. He was chased by Mounted Policemen Whitlow, Motorcycle Policeman Clark, and was overtaken after going several blocks. He was taken to the Second Police Station, and shortly afterwards furnished bail. Rainey was also taken to the station, and was rendered emergency treatment by an ambulance surgeon, after which he went to his home, 816 Graham Road, Battery Court. After the family physician had been called in, it became apparent that he would have to be taken to a hospital.

The funeral services will be held in Richmond, having spent his entire life here. He leaves a widow and one brother, James H. Rainey, of Petersburg.

Coroner Taylor said last night that he had not officially been notified of Rainey's death, and therefore could not tell when he will conduct an inquest into the case.

Notified of Uncle's Death.

Mrs. L. C. McComb, of 23 North Davis street, was called to the telephone by the sudden death of her uncle, Jesse P. Grant, forty-five years old. Mr. Grant, who had not been officially notified of Rainey's death, was held to-morrow afternoon, conducted by Dawson Lodge, A. P. & A. W. M. The funeral will be held in the Congressional Cemetery.

PARAGRAPH PULPIT

A Word for Doubters.

First, be honest; don't pretend to hold the old doctrines if they no longer hold you. Face the facts. This is the first step to a larger faith. Second, be brave; don't rest in doubts or build on them. Cut clear down through your doubts until you find the bed-rock that will hold a foundation for your house of faith. That doesn't mean that all your questions will be answered. It means that there are some things you are sure enough of to be willing to live by and die by. And that is faith—Unfaltering Publicity Committee—Advertisement.

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If in your repair work you have trouble getting supplies, TRY US. We have all sorts of odds and ends for repair work, and we know we can suit your needs.

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Rough Dry, 6 cents per pound. No bundle less than 25 cents.

The Royal Laundry

Richmond's Best and Largest.

SCHOOLS BEGIN HOLIDAY

Exercises This Afternoon Will Mark End of Session for Christmas.

Christmas exercises will be held in all of the Richmond public and many of the private schools this afternoon, and the thousands of scholars will be released from their studies until after the holidays. By getting Christmas Eve and the Friday following new years, the children have twelve days of rest this year.

At John Marshall High School elaborate preparations are being made for the closing exercises. A Christmas tree has been arranged in the auditorium and each member of the faculty will be given a Christmas stocking. The entertainment will begin at 4 o'clock and will close with a program. The other schools have their exercises in the afternoon.

ATTACKED BY NEGROES

W. D. Mitchell Has Fight With Two Men in Lombard Street.

W. D. Mitchell, a contractor of 290 Brook Road, last night reported to the police that he was attacked by two unidentified negroes while he was passing through Lombard street between Third and Fourth streets. Mitchell said that the two negroes, one of whom he described as a white man, ran at him and hit him with their fists. He was badly hurt, and was taken to the hospital. The police are looking for the two negroes.

Falls From Fence, Breaking Leg.

Child from the top of a board fence.

A young child, the daughter of a colored man, fell from the top of a board fence on the corner of 22nd and Lombard streets, and broke her leg. The child was taken to the hospital.

SAVINGS BANK FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

A Savings Bank Account, once started, becomes more interesting each week as it grows. You'll wonder why you didn't begin before. One dollar starts you.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

MANY FARE BADLY IN POLICE COURT

Fines Imposed Upon Persons for Interfering With and Resisting Policemen.

Persons who interfered with and resisted policemen in the discharge of their duties fared badly yesterday morning before Police Justice Crutchfield.

Linwood Gibbs was fined \$25 and costs for violently resisting Patrolmen Valtz and Jennings when he was arrested for participating in a fight. Bernard Orange, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for interfering with Bicycle Police-men, Bolto, Allen Padgett and G. E. Martin were each fined \$10 and costs for interfering with Patrolman Waldrop. A similar fine was imposed on A. Banks, colored, for being drunk, stubbornly resisting Bicycle Police-men, Rich and Napper.

Taxed Higher on Appeal.

Appealing from a fine of \$2 imposed in Police Court on the charge of using the west side of Ninth Street between Broad and D. Kern was taken to hire carriage, George Grace, was fined \$10 and costs. A motion to have the verdict set aside was overruled.

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